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LOGNOTE -- Chief, Operations Group, 21 March 1985

1. (Williams) Zimmer phoned this morning to acknowledge our message giving him contracting authority to proceed with the lease for the new bureau land. He said that the embassy, on reviewing the lease with the lawyers, now recommended that the lease be executed in the name of the Secretary of State of the U.S. and signed by the Acting Administrative Officer of Embassy. They felt this was preferable from the standpoint of profile since the bureau is officially an Embassy annex. I said we had no problem with this approach.

Zimmer went on to say that there would be no immediate progress on the lease as the lawyer had not yet shown the lease to the Archbishop, who is in a touchy mood at the moment. He is confident that, once the Embassy has signed, the Archbishop will raise no last minute objections. Moreover, some delay will be caused while the Archbishopric puts together a clear title for the land; this has to be done by combining a number of small parcels of land to form the package we plan to lease.

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